



# The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers  
Seattle, Washington, USA

December 2019

## Look Ahead Events

### January

2 Meeting at The Facility - Makerspace  
(address in Newsletter) 7 PM

4 Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club 9 AM

25 & 26 Northwest Hobby Expo 9-6  
Evergreen Fairgrounds  
Monroe, WA

### February

6 Meeting at The Facility 7 pm  
8 Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club 9 am

### March

5 Meeting at The Facility 7 pm  
7 Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club 9 am

Our 2020 event calendar is being finalized. A preliminary copy is on page 9 of this newsletter.

Check our website for the latest updates at [www.shipmodelers.com](http://www.shipmodelers.com)

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RC Model of "jeep" carriers  
WWII's Task Unit 77.4.3  
("Taffy 3").

More information inside the  
North End Report on starting  
on page 7.

## From the Wheelhouse

Mel Suelzle

Our Christmas dinner on December 5<sup>th</sup> was a great success with a great turnout. This year we had 55 members and guests which was exactly the same number as last year. The food and service at the Old Spaghetti Factory was great and made our evening fun filled and satisfying for the largest appetite. This is a unique location for our type of event. I have made

reservations here for December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 so mark your calendars. The manager promises that the delay in serving the appetizers will not be repeated.

During the evening

we showed many pictures of our events during 2019. Following dinner, I did my usual recap of the more notable events of the year. Of course, there was lots of fun and even some truth to the stories surrounding some of the slides. We even refreshed everyone's memory on club events of 10 and 20 years ago.

Special for this year was a tribute to Tom Stevens including a presentation to Sandy Stevens of a plaque acknowledging Tom's 25 years of



dedicated service and support to our club.

As a lasting tribute to Tom, Our Member of the Year award was changed to the Tom Stevens Member of the Year Award,

**Robert Osborne** was the winner for the most Show n' Tell events for the year. Robert was a runner up last year, but took first place this year and received a \$100 Gift Card from Anthony's Restaurants. Show n Tell is a most important part of our meeting and I thank Robert and all the other members that participated in the meeting Show n' Tell events.

This year's Tom Stevens Member of the Year award went to **Paul Williams**. Paul is a very active member and can always be counted on for support of our club events. Congratulations Paul and thank you very much.



2019 was a very successful year with a high level of participation from our members. Getting 8 new members during the year was great. The enthusiasm and club support of many of these new members is great to see as it is important to get new members involved in our events.

Our officer group has agreed to continue in their 2019 roles to help in keeping things on track during the next year. **Bryan Morse** continues at keeping track of our membership, **Paul Williams** will continue doing an excellent job producing our newsletter and **Dave White** will keeping track of our financial matters. **Ron Bray** will continue as Vice President.

At the November meeting, I agreed to accept the nomination of President IF members would agree to step forward and perform several tasks that I am now doing by default. Several members stepped forward and accepted new responsibilities for tasks that I identified. **Robert Bizier** and **Fred Row** will now take care of several marketing and communication duties, **Dave White** will take care of website email inquiries and **Tom Edwards** will handle the awards for our regattas. Also **Dave Kentala** will back up **Ron Bray** for meeting minutes. I extend my appreciation to this group and thank them for continuing in their roles or stepping forward to volunteering for their new roles. Serving as an officer or taking new responsibilities takes an extra commitment by members to contribute to the current and longer term success of our club.

And finally, I would like thank everyone in the club for their great support during this past year. Without each of your efforts and support of our club activities and events we would not have had the successful year that we enjoyed. Next month I will be talking more about 2020 and laying our plans for having and even more successful year.

I want to wish each of you and your families a wonderful  
*Christmas Season and a very Happy New Year.*







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**!!! 2020 Club Meeting Location !!!**

Date: Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 PM

Location: The Facility -- Makerspace  
6606 196<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Lynnwood, WA 98036



## January Meeting Will Have -- Books, Books, and Books

Our January meeting will be at our new home, The Facility – Makerspace. We will have our usual agenda and show 'n tell with a goal of getting the new year off to a good start. What will be unusual is that member and guests will have an opportunity to pick up free books on various topics of building model boats. Ocean Shores bookstore in Fremont has closed and we were offered these books for our club. I have 5-6 boxes of bound books and periodicals that will be free to members. I will bring them to both the January and, if necessary, to our February meetings. They will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Those coming to these meetings might want to come early and get first pick on the books.



## Hobby Expo is on the horizon

January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> are the dates of the 2020 event. This event is popular with modelers of all types. We will have the pond set up in its usual location. We need plenty of skippers and boats to run and display boats for both days. We plan to have scheduled time for Junior skippers so we need noodle boats for them to run. More details will be discussed at the meeting on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. More information is on page 6 or the website at [www.nwmhe.com](http://www.nwmhe.com).

### Hobby Expo 2020 Information

# North West MODEL HOBBY

EXPO!

## January 25 & 26, 2020

Saturday: 9 am - 6 pm    Sunday: 9 am - 5 pm

### Evergreen Fairgrounds - Monroe, WA



#### Daily Admission

Saturday: \$10.00

Sunday: \$10.00

#### 2-Day Weekend Pass

\$15.00

#### Military ID - Any Day

\$5.00

Kids under 10 FREE  
with Adult

**FREE Parking**

**All Indoors ~ All Weekend**

**R/C Airplanes, Helicopters, Boats, Cars, Drones, Trains!**

***NW Drone Fest***

***Maker Blitz***

Robot Combat ~ Carpet RC Car Races ~ Vendors ~ Food  
Indoor Fun Fly ~ Swap Meet ~ Indoor Boat Pond ~ Static Display

**Scale Model Displays of Airplanes, Boats, Cars and  
more with Cash prizes. Many local clubs with display booths  
to tell you about these great hobbies.**

<http://www.NWMHE.com>





## Skagit R/C Ship Modelers -- North End Report

By Keith Schermerhorn

Well the Skagit Ship Modelers had their first meeting in a while and I do apologize to all for dropping the anchor on this in October and November due to a project I was involved in. To start with, we met at a new location, The **Mount Vernon Denny's** ( on College Way at the Freeway) on Saturday December 7th. They have a back room that we can use and do not charge us a deposit since we are eating breakfast and talking boats. We then discussed some of the summer events since our last gathering. These included: Tug regatta, Seafest in Bellingham, and Keith's report on the Taffy 3 gathering in late October. There was the discussion and mention of the passing of **Tom Stevens** as we remembered him and all that he had done for the hobby. We also got updates on what everyone else had been working on since last summer. **Flodquist** talked about some things on Bens tugboat and gave a report of the NW R/C Dinner meeting, **Ralph** updated us on his current Viking cars restoration, and **Lee** on his new workshop he has been building along with his Grand Banks pleasure boat model.



Show and tell was mostly about the Keith's involvement with the **Taffy 3 Ship Modelers Group** and the events at the **75th anniversary/reunion** of the survivors of this WW2 Task force.



This group is comprised of modelers from across the USA that made r/c models of all 13 ships of this task force with the intent to have them on display at the reunion and then sail them in formation on the next day at a local lake near San Diego, CA with survivors in attendance.



First off was getting there and driving that distance with a model ready to go (but only about 60% finished). The display part was held in a conference room at the Bayside Holiday Inn in San Diego located on the waterfront. There they would be on display the following day after the luncheon and ceremonies over Point Loma Memorial Park. This was an amazing event at this point to witness a military salute (complete with F-18 jet fly over in the missing man configuration) and recount of the events of that historic day. When the survivors and family came to the model display....well the emotions and stories carried on for over 3 hours! It was truly an inspirational event to be in that room with



all in attendance. The float and formation maneuvers the next day was just as much fun since it was also the first time my model had been in the water floating and operating. Interesting running models in formation with others that have never ran together let alone met until this event! So the model was at the meeting to see what it looks like ( although back in shipyard for more work and repairs) along with some of the information and collectors coin that were given to each modeler in recognition of our events. More information on this group and events can be found at [www.taffy3modelships.weebly.com](http://www.taffy3modelships.weebly.com).

After everyone had enjoyed breakfast and shared other stories, we headed home to our own ports until the next time. We welcome anyone that wants to come to one of our breakfast meetings and show us your projects, too. Next meeting will be January, 4th at 9:00 am at same Denny's located at 100 College Way right off I-5.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all and look forward to a fun filled 2020 model boating year!!

The North End section meets for members located in the Washington general areas of Mount Vernon, Burlington, Anacortes, and Bellingham. Contact Keith Schermerhorn for more North End meeting information, 360-306-1165 (leave a message), [wscherm@fidalgo.net](mailto:wscherm@fidalgo.net)





**2020 NWRC SM Events Calendar** (preliminary finalized at January Meeting)**JANUARY**

2	Meeting at Makers Space	7 pm
4	Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club	9 am
25/26	NW Hobby Expo Monroe	9am-6pm

**FEBRUARY**

6	Meeting at Makers Space	7 pm
8	Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club	9 am

**MARCH**

5	Meeting at Makers Space	7 pm
7	Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club	9 am

**APRIL**

2	Meeting at Makers Space	7 pm
4	Fun Float - Bellevue Pond	9 am

**MAY**

6	Seattle Yacht Club Fun Float	10am – 3pm
7	Meeting at Makers Space	7 pm
9	Fun Float - Bellevue Downtown Park	9 am

**JUNE**

4	Meeting at Makers Space	7 pm
6	NWRC Regatta - Bellevue Pond	9 am – 3 pm
18	Coffee Fun Float - Bellevue Park	11 am-1 pm

**JULY**

9	Meeting at Makers Space	7 pm
11	Fun Float - Bellevue Downtown Park	9 am
18	Coffee Fun Float - Bellevue Pond	11 am-1 pm
31	Twilight Fun Float - Bellevue Pond	7 pm

**AUGUST**

6	Meeting at Makers Space	7 pm
8	Fun Float – Bellevue Downtown Pond	9 am
8	Portland Regatta – Tualatin, OR	9 am – 4 pm
15	Northwest Tug Regatta Bellevue Pond	9 am – 4 pm

**SEPTEMBER**

3	Meeting at Makers Space	7 pm
5	Fun Float – Bellevue Downtown Park	9 am
12/19	Fishermen's Memorial – Ballard	11am – 6 pm

**OCTOBER**

1	Meeting at Makers Space	7 pm
3	Fun Float - Bellevue Downtown Park	9 am

**NOVEMBER**

5	Meeting at Makers Space	7 pm
7	Fun Float - Seattle Yacht Club	9 am

**DECEMBER**

3	Christmas Dinner Old Spaghetti Factory - Lynnwood	6:30 – 9 pm
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### 2020 Club Officers

	<b>President: Mel Suelzle</b>	<b>Treasurer: Dave White</b>
	<b>Vice President: Ron Bray</b>	<b>Webmaster: Allan Wing</b>
	<b>Newsletter Editor: Paul Williams</b>	
	<b>Membership and Database: Bryan Morse</b>	<b>Skagit R/C Meeting Contact: Keith Schermerhorn</b>